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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On the representation of the hon. Member, we have issued orders that the Police authorities should be more liberal in issuing licences on festive occasions as referred to by him. But we have also to take into account the nuisance caused by these sound amplifiers to the other members of the public who want to have a quiet night time and quiet sleep. Therefore, we have to enforce a certain amount of regulation."

SRI D. K. RAJU :—" In view of the nuisance created in towns and obstruction caused to the traffic by these sound amplifiers, will the Government think of restricting the issue of such licences in future? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am glad the hon. Member has at last brought out an important point in the general debate, so to say. The air is free, the world is free and everybody is entitled to these. Still one man should not take too much of any of these things to the detriment of the peace and comforts of others. It would be wrong. Hence a certain amount of mutual restriction is necessary. Who can impose it except the Government through its officers? "

MR. SPEAKER :—(*ஸ்ரீ ஆர். குப்புசாமியைப் பார்த்து*) " *நீங்கள் எதற்காக நிற்கிறீர்கள் ?* "

SRI R. KUPPUSWAMI :—" *நான் லேட்டாக வந்தேன். தயவு செய்து என்னுடைய 374-ஆவது கேள்வியை மறுபடியும் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.*"

MR. SPEAKER :—" *கேள்வி நேரக் கடைசியில் உங்கள் கேள்வியை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.*"

*Report on the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education.*

* 381 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Expert Committee has submitted its report on the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The report has already been placed on the table of the House."

*Report on the Modified Scheme of Education.*

* 382 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state when will the report of the Special Committee to enquire into the recent Elementary Education Scheme be available for the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to starred question No. 381."

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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know what is the opinion expressed by the Committee with regard to the success of the much-talked of outdoor programme contained in the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to take the trouble of going through the report."

*Outbreak of cholera in certain areas in Malabar.*

* 383 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of deaths due to the recent outbreak of cholera in Ponnani taluk, Malabar, and the measures taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of deaths is 39. The measures taken for preventing the spread of the epidemic are the following :—

Disinfection of infected houses, chlorination of water-supply, intensive inoculations and propaganda regarding the precautions to be taken by the people. Distribution of milk-powder and rice to the poor people has also been undertaken. Orders have also been issued for opening a gruel centre for the relief of the coir labourers. "

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the people in Ponnani taluk got this disease through starvation, will the Government consider the question of issuing instructions to the Collector of Malabar to supply more bags of rice to the people? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Steps will be taken to supply more rice if it is found quite essential."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that a number of places are cholera affected, will the Government think of a more liberal distribution of 'deficiency drugs' and vitamin tablets if they are not already doing it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. A very large quantity of milk powder and multi-vitamin tablets has been distributed in Malabar."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In order to prevent recurrence of cholera, will the Government consider the question of distributing more barrels of milk powder and multi-vitamin tablets? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The largest portion of the milk powder and multi-vitamin tablets received from the UNICEF and a further quantity of milk powder donated by the American Friends Service Society have been allotted to Malabar district."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know why there is such a high incidence of death in Malabar due to cancer, cholera, dysentery, etc.? "